this direction by providing Central assistance in accordance with the approved pattern under the Scheme of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure", on receipt of viable proposals from the State Government.

The Government have approved Central assistance of Rs. 1256.44 lakhs for 19 sports infrastructure projects spread over various districts of Andhra Pradesh during the financial year 2000-2001.

Legal action against former cricketers

†3941. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any legal action so far against Ajay Jadeja, Mohammed Azharuddin and Ajay Sharma, the former cricketers;

(b) the details of assets of these cricketers movable-immovable properties and cash amount, separately;

(c) which are the industrial houses-eminent persons with whom these cricketers have been found to be having close connections and through whom the assets have been accumulated by them;

(d) whether Government propose to take action against these cricketers, by filing court cases against them; and

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(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Inclusion of non-professionals in sports clubs and federations

†3942. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-players/non-professionals are included in different sports clubs and federations in India, particularly of hockey and football;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is the main reason for miserable condition of these sports; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to streamline the functioning of these sports federations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that office bearers of many sports federations are non-players/non-professionals. However, the election of office bearers of National Sports Federations (NSFs) is done democratrically through an electoral college comprising of members of their affiliated units. All the NSFs are autonomous bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and the Government normally does not interfere in their functioning.

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